

THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

Condensed Proceedings from Day to Day of the Closing Session of the Fifty-Sixth National Legislative Body.

Consideration of the shipping bill was resumed on the 23d by the senate. Senator Vest (Mo.) took the floor immediately and made an interesting speech, lasting nearly three hours. He advocated free ships and vigorously attacked the navigation laws for the decadence of the merchant marine of America. The house passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill and entered upon consideration of the naval appropriation bill. A bill providing that the treasury shall pay gold on demand for silver or other classes of money was reported from the banking committee. Mr. Barham (Cal.) introduced a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for surveys of arid land regions. The bill providing for the Cliff Dwellers' national park in New Mexico, embracing about 150,000 acres of government land, was favorably reported by the house committee on public lands.

The senate on the 24th considered the Indian appropriation bill and made fair progress. The feature of the debate was a sharp attack by Senator Pettigrew (S. D.) on the Dawes commission, which he said was entirely untrue. He was replying little in the way of results. A resolution was adopted providing for the reading of Washington's farewell address on February 22 by a member of the senate. Senator Aldrich (R. I.) introduced the war revenue reduction bill from the committee on finance. The house considered the naval appropriation bill and completed it with the exception of one paragraph. Some amendments were tacked on to increase of the navy. The agricultural appropriation bill was reported. It carries \$4,500,000.

Senator Depew (N. Y.) delivered in the senate on the 25th an eloquent address in support of the shipping bill. It was in the nature of an appeal for the rebuilding of the American merchant marine, by the granting of subsidies, as provided for in the measure. The Indian appropriation bill was then taken up, but little progress was made with it. The last hour of the senate was consumed in the passage of private pension bills. The house adopted the conference report upon the army reorganization bill. The contest over it was brief. The naval appropriation bill was afterwards passed and also 77 private pension bills.

National irrigation was discussed in the senate on the 26th, the text being an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, providing for surveys looking to the construction of an irrigation dam and ditches for the watering of the reservation of the Pima and Maricopa Indians at San Carlos, on the Gila river, Arizona. Senator Hawley (Conn.) tried to secure consideration of the conference report on the army reorganization bill, but it was postponed until the 28th. The house made good progress with the bill to revise and codify the postal laws. The latter part of the session was devoted to eulogies upon the life and public services of the late Senator Gear (Ia.). A bill was introduced to appropriate \$200,000 to investigate the conditions of the storage of water in the arid land regions of the United States, with a view to the reclamation of this land.

The senate turned from the grind of appropriations on the 28th to a consideration of a resolution for a cessation of hostilities in the Philippines. The speech abounded in apostrophes to liberty and patriotism and scathing and scornful arraignment of the policy by which the Philippines were annihilated. Immediately following Senator Towne's speech the credentials of his successor, Senator Chapp (Minn.) were presented and after being sworn in the new senator took his seat and Senator Towne retired. The credentials of Joseph W. Bailey (Tex.) and of P. M. Simmons (N. C.) were also presented. The rest of the day was devoted to the Indian appropriation bill. The house transacted District of Columbia business. The bill to revise and codify the postal laws was finally passed. All attempts to amend it in any vital particular failed.

Rockefeller's Offer to Oberlin College.

Oberlin, O., Jan. 26.—It was announced in chapel yesterday afternoon that John D. Rockefeller had signified, through J. W. Cowles, of Cleveland, a trustee of Oberlin college, his willingness to give \$300,000 toward an endowment fund of \$500,000, now being raised for the college, provided the entire amount shall be raised by the first of next year.

Mills to Resume Operations.

Newcastle, Pa., Jan. 28.—The nail, wire and rod mills of this city, controlled by the American Steel and Wire company, have received orders to resume work as soon as possible and a force of men was put to work Saturday getting the three plants in readiness for the resumption of operations. Over 800 men are employed in the three concerns, which have been idle since the middle of last April.

May Mobilize National Militia at Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Col. Daniel Blodgett, of the Illinois national guard, called upon some of the Pan-American exposition officials and suggested the scheme to mobilize the national guards of as many states as possible at the exposition upon a certain work. The exposition authorities indorse the suggestion and will try to arrange for a military week.

Another Strike of Oil in Texas.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 28.—C. D. Robbins, of this city, received a telegram from the foreman of his ranch, near Portland, Tex., stating that a big flow of oil had been struck in a newly drilled well on the ranch of the Kennedy-Fulton Pasture company. Every acre in the state on which there is a trace of oil is being rapidly placed under lease.

Fire in a Nebraska Town.

Gothenburg, Neb., Jan. 29.—Fire at one o'clock Monday morning destroyed the livery barn of Amos P. Singer, together with 20 head of horses, Odecrant's block, Carlson Hardware company's building, Stack's restaurant, and partially burned the building of the Carlson Mercantile company. The loss is \$25,000.

Duel with Pistols.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 28.—In a hand-to-hand duel with pistols at Mount Sterling Saturday Deputy Sheriff James Stockdale was fatally wounded by William Norton, a prominent Montgomery county politician. The trouble started over the payment of a drink.

Big Order for Lumber for Manila.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.—Bids for 3,000,000 feet of lumber to be shipped soon to Manila were opened at the quartermaster's office here. They will be forwarded to Washington at once.

A MUTUAL SURPRISE.

An Amazing Anecdote of an Ambitious Hunter and His First Grizzly.

In "Sketches of Life in the Golden State" Col. Albert S. Evans tells an amusing anecdote of an ambitious hunter who met his first grizzly bear in procession. The incident occurred in the woods near the site of the present town of Monterey.

The hunter sat down to rest in the shade of a tree, and unwittingly went to sleep. When he woke it was near sunset, and he sat up, rubbing his eyes and contemplating a return to his hotel several miles distant.

Just then a rustling and cracking noise from a clump of chaparral about 100 yards away attracted his attention. Out walked a grizzly bear, a monarch of his kind. He yawned, licked his jaws, and then advanced toward the tree where our hunter sat, but evidently was unconscious of his presence.

His grizzly majesty had proceeded about 20 paces when a female bear followed him, and an instant later a third grizzly followed her at a slow, shambling pace.

The hunter sat spellbound with terror as the procession came toward him, until the forward grizzly was within 30 yards. Then, scarcely realizing what he did, he sprang to his feet and uttered a frenzied yell—yell upon yell!

The effect was magical. The foremost bear sprang into the air, turned sharply about, knocked the female down, rolled over her, gathered himself up and bolted "like 40 cart-loads of rock going down a chute," straight for the chaparral again, the other two bears close at his heels, and never turning to see what had frightened them.

The hunter, seeing the enemy retreating, sprang to his feet and fed at top speed for the hotel, leaving hat and gun behind. The truth of his wild and startling tale was proved the next day by the numerous bear-tracks of different sizes found in the marshy ground near by. But the three bears had gone off beyond pursuit.

NEW-OLD JOKES.

Two Anecdotes That Go to Prove There is Nothing New Under the Sun.

"Is there any new joke under the sun?" asks George Augustus Sala, an English journalist and special correspondent, who died a few years ago. "I doubt there being one, very gravely," he answers, and tells two anecdotes to support his skepticism.

An intelligent Greek, who acted as Mr. Sala's guide while visiting Athens, related to him, as a modern Greek Joe Millerism, the story of a lawsuit. A deaf plaintiff sued a deaf defendant before the deafest judge in all Greece. The plaintiff claimed so many hundred drachmas for rent that was due. The defendant pleaded that he never ground his corn at night. The judge, in giving judgment, observed: "Well, she's your mother, after all; you must keep her between you."

"When I got home I found," writes Mr. Sala, "this apparently up-to-date triad of ludicrous non sequiturs in a collection of ancient Greek epigrams." There used to be told a story of Sheridan Knowles, the dramatist, who was a first-rate hand at Irish bulls, meeting one of twin brothers, and asking him: "Which of ye is the other?" Mr. Sala compares this with the story of that very ancient jester, Hierocles: "Of twins, one died; Skolastikos, meeting the survivor, asked him: 'Was it you who died, or your brother?'"

Difficulty Easy to Overcome. "But are you able to support a wife?" asked the old gentleman.

"Well," replied the youth, "you know it is said that two can live almost as cheaply as one in such circumstances."

"Ye-es; I've heard that stated," admitted the old gentleman, doubtfully. "So it occurred to me," went on the youth, cheerfully, "that you would not begrudge the slight extra cost that will be entailed as a result of this addition to your family."—Chicago Post.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, Jan. 29.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	4 25 @ 4 90
Native stockers	3 40 @ 4 75
Texas and Indian steers	3 60 @ 4 40
HOGS	3 75 @ 5 40
SHEEP	2 90 @ 4 15
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	68 @ 68 1/2
No. 2 red	68 @ 70
CORN—No. 2 mixed	35 1/2 @ 35 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	24 1/2 @ 25
RYE—No. 2	38 @ 38
FLOUR—Hard wh't patents	3 25 @ 3 55
Soft wheat patents	3 00 @ 3 20
HAM—Timothy	6 00 @ 11 00
Prairie	5 00 @ 8 50
BRAN—Sacked	62 1/2 @ 63
BUTTER—Choice to fancy	15 @ 20
CHEESE—Full cream	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2
EGGS	15 @ 15 1/2
POTATOES—Home grown	40 @ 50

ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	4 30 @ 5 80
Texas steers	3 45 @ 4 60
HOGS—Packers	5 20 @ 5 25
SHEEP—Muttons	3 75 @ 4 50
FLOUR—Patents	3 60 @ 3 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	67 1/2 @ 70 1/2
CORN—No. 2	36 1/2 @ 37 1/2
OATS—No. 2	26 @ 26 1/2
RYE	12 @ 16
BUTTER—Dairy	7 12 1/2 @ 7 37 1/2
BACON	7 57 1/2 @ 8 25

CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Steers	3 40 @ 5 00
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	5 10 @ 5 32 1/2
SHEEP—Western	3 80 @ 4 50
FLOUR—Spring patents	5 00 @ 5 30
WHEAT—No. 2 red	75 @ 77
CORN—No. 2	37 1/2 @ 37 1/2
OATS—No. 2	24 1/2 @ 25 1/2
RYE—January	48
LARD—January	7 23 1/2 @ 7 42 1/2
PORK—January	13 85 @ 13 35

NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Steers	4 75 @ 5 40
HOGS	5 50 @ 5 70
SHEEP	3 00 @ 4 80
WHEAT—No. 2 red	80 1/2 @ 81 1/2
CORN—No. 2	46 1/2 @ 47 1/2
OATS—No. 2	30 1/2



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Private John Allen's Ready Explanation of His Recent Defect.

At a gathering of prominent men in Washington one night recently the conversation turned to the ups and downs of politics. In the party were Private John Allen, of Mississippi, and Senator Shoup, of Idaho, both of whom had just concluded unsuccessful senatorial canvasses of their respective states.

"What's the matter down in Mississippi and out in Idaho?" some one asked Representative Allen, "that two such brilliant men as you and Shoup do not seem to be wanted in the senate?" Then, in a confidential whisper and with an air of imparting some startling secret, he added: "Mississippi isn't sending her best men to the senate this year."

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. The price of coffee, 15c. and 25c. per package. Sold by all grocers.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Some men are like telescopes; you draw them out, see through them, and then shut them up.—Chicago Daily News.

Don't be too free in abusing other people for being fools; you may be one yourself.—Aitchison Globe.

HE WASN'T WORRYING.

A Commercial Traveler Who Didn't Have Any Preference on the Road.

"Having traveled for so many years," he said to the drummer who boasted of having been on the road for 18 years, "I suppose you have come to think some one car in a train is the safest?"

"The idea has never occurred to me," was the reply, says the Chicago Daily News. "That's curious. I thought all men who traveled had a preference for a certain car. I know a Chicago man who always takes the first sleeper, and a Philadelphian who wants a right-hand seat in the middle car, or else he won't take that train."

"I have never heard of such instances before." But you must realize that there is danger in passing the question. "Oh yes; but I never think of it. I get a seat opposite a staving-looking woman, if possible, do my best to render myself agreeable, and leave the accident business to Providence and the train dispatcher. My line rather protects me, anyhow."

"And what line of goods are you traveling for, may I ask?"

Cardboard for Bible covers, and prepared to pass the time by looking at the world. I go into groceries or hardware before looking for the safest car on the train."

Why She Married Him.

Clara—I wonder how Mattie came to marry Fred Somerby?

Bertha—The most natural reason in the world. Fred had an overcoat that was a perfect match for Mattie's new gown.—Boston Transcript.

The Nicaragua Canal.

When built, will prove the link between prosperity and many people. It will prove a blessing to humanity in general, improving the condition of the nation, as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters does that of the individual. Nothing is equal to this remedy has ever been discovered for all ailments of the stomach, liver, bowels and kidneys. It will quickly cleanse the blood and sharpen the appetite. See that our Private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

Choice of Letters.

"I think I shall adopt letters as a profession," observed the Party with the Baiging Brow.

Typewriting or sign painting," inquired the Sardonian Person.—Baltimore American.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over 1/2 as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15c. and 25c. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

"It's seldom that I go out with my automobile without killing something, but with my gun never."—Le Rive.

New Through Pullman Sleeping Car Service to Hot Springs, Ark., Via Little Rock.

On Jan. 8th of the present year, the Kansas City Southern Railway Co., known as the Port Arthur Route, made a new addition to its many advantages by offering to the public new through Pullman sleeping car service between Kansas City and the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, via Little Rock. This new through route in connection with the C. O. & G. R. R. and the L. R. & H. S. W. R. R. forms the shortest line between Kansas City and Hot Springs, makes the best time between these two points, and is absolutely the only line offering through Pullman service. Leaving Kansas City at 11:00 A. M., you arrive in Hot Springs at 9:55 A. M. the next morning, without change of cars. All main lines running into Kansas City make direct connections with this fast through train. If you are going to the Springs, this is the season to go, and when you do go, get your ticket reads via the famous Port Arthur Route. All information desired will be cheerfully furnished by addressing S. G. Warner, G. P. & T. A., Kansas City, Mo.

A twentieth century scientist claims that headache is a sort of code caused by too many green thoughts.—Chicago Daily News.

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Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. Samuel, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

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Tommy—P. hat do I put water in.